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In re application of Patricia Preikschat et al. Serial No. 09/904,993

Filed: July 13, 2001

For: CHROMIUM (VI)-FREE CONVERSION LAYER AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING IT **DECISION ON**

PETITION

This is a decision on the SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS AND PETITION TO ACCEPT COLOR PHOTOGRAPHS UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(b)(2), filed October 17, 2002 to permit color photographs since (1) the fee as required by 37 CFR 1.17(h) has been paid, (2) three sets of the color photographs have been filed, (3) the specification includes the language set forth in 37 CFR 1.84(a)(2)(iv), and (4) an explanation is provided stating why color photographs are necessary. The color photographs are for Figures 1, 2, 3, and 4.

A review of the application record indicates that all of the requirements for acceptance of color photographs have been met.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

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